

Dear Honorable Members of the Children's Committee,

I have the deepest concern in regards to school children being subjected to either perform or watch the dissection of animals.

Children should have the free choice to either participate or opt out of participation in any way shape or form.

In addition, with today's advanced technology children are provided a better learning tool, and it has been shown in many studies that children grasp the learning objective with these alternative methods better.

Connecticut needs to join our neighboring States and others, such as New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont, which have adopted policies to allow children to op-out.

Please, let's include Connecticut in this 'New England' list.

Thank you,

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